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ISA FIRST COMMENTARIES IN PRESS SERVICES OF CDU, SPD AND FDP AND
P STATEMENTS BY PARTY LEADERS APPRAISE DECISION ON CUBA AS FOLLOWS:

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INR MAJORITY PARTY CDU PRESS SERVICE SAID KENNEDY'S DECISION OF FAR-
CIA REACHING CONSEQUENCES FOR ENTIRE WORLD. MUST RECOGNIZE RESTRAINT
NSA OF PRESIDENT WHO TRIED TIREDLESSLY TO GET RID OF TENSIONS PRODUCED
OSD BY SOVS. HE WENT TO FARTHEST LIMITS WHICH US SECURITY PERMITTED.
ARMY KENNEDY'S FIRM DETERMINATION IN TAKING NECESSARY MEASURES TO BE
NAVY ENTIRELY WELCOMED. PRESIDENT HAS SHOWN BY PATIENCE AND CONSTRUCTIVE
AIR PROPOSALS HIS DESIRE FOR PEACE. READINESS TO NEGOTIATE EXISTS NOW
RMR AS BEFORE. GERMAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND KENNEDY'S DETERMINATION AND
AGREE WITH HIM ENTIRELY.

BRENTANO (LEADER OF CDU PARLIAMENTARY GROUP) ISSUED STATEMENT OCT
23 AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

STATEMENT OF US PRESIDENT IS COURAGEOUS APPEAL TO ALL WHO ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN WORLD. FROM THIS STATEMENT
SPEAKS DEEP FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY OF MAN WHO REPRESENTS STRONGEST
NATION OF WORLD. IN THIS HOUR AMERICAN NATION MUST KNOW THAT ITS
ALLIES AND FRIENDS STAND AT ITS SIDE. GERMAN PEOPLE ALSO KNOW THAT
GOAL OF AMERICAN POLICY IS NOT TRIUMPH OF POWER, BUT MAINTENANCE OF
JUSTICE, THOUGH NOT OF PEACE AT COST OF FREEDOM. WE FEEL OURSELVES
IN THIS MOMENT OBLIGATED TO AND ALLIED WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE AND

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THEIR PRESIDENT IN CALM RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND PEACE AND FREEDOM IN ALL PARTS OF WORLD. SOLIDARITY OF FREE WORLD IS GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL ATTAIN TOGETHER THIS HIGH AND IRREVERSIBLE GOAL. END QUOTE

OPPOSITION SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PRESS SERVICE CALLED KENNEDY DECISION ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF RECENT TIMES. FACT THAT DECISION MADE WITH OPPOSITION SUPPORT INDICATES SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH AMERICANS JUDGED SITUATION. UNDERSTANDABLE THAT US FELT THREATENED ON SOUTHERN FLANK. SOVIETS NOW HAVE LARGE FIELD FOR COUNTERACTION. KHRUSHCHEV COULD MOVE IN KOREA OR NEAR EAST, IN EUROPE OR SOUTHEAST ASIA. KENNEDY HAS STATED U.S. PREPARED FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES. FREE WORLD HAS OBLIGATION TO STAND CLOSER TOGETHER, STRENGTHEN COMMON DEFENSE AND MUTUAL TRUST. BERLIN MAYOR BRANDT, IN SEPARATE REMARKS, REACTED IN SIMILAR POSITIVE VEIN.

FDP PRESS SERVICE SEES KHRUSHCHEV FACED WITH CONSEQUENCES OF HIS OWN MISCALCULATIONS IN CUBA. US HAS REPEATEDLY WARNED SOVS AGAINST CUBAN ROCKET BASES. UNFORTUNATELY KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT TAKE KENNEDY'S WARNINGS SERIOUSLY, EITHER IN CUBA OR BERLIN. KENNEDY HAS WARNED KHRUSHCHEV AGAINST NEW PRESSURES ON BERLIN. BUT SOVS CAN BE EXPECTED TO SEEK WAY OF AVOIDING POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SETBACK. CONSEQUENTLY WE STAND AT BRINK OF WAR. WE CAN ONLY HOPE RUSSIAN LEADERS AWARE OF DANGER. KHRUSHCHEV AWARE OF WESTERN READINESS TO NEGOTIATE MODUS VIVENDI. IT IS TO BE HOPED HE WILL NOT PLACE FUTURE OF HIS COUNTRY IN JEOPARDY AS FAVOR TO FANATICAL CENTRAL AMERICAN DICTATOR.

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